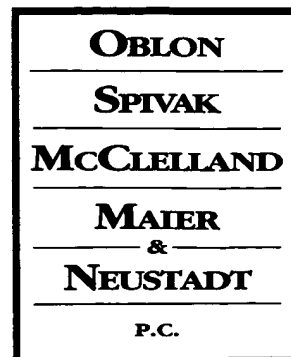




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Re: Inventor: Michiharu MATSUI, et al.
Serial No: 09/956,986
Filed: September 21, 2001
For: NONVOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE
HAVING ELEMENT ISOLATING REGION OF TRENCH TYPE
AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Notice to File Missing Parts
Filing of Declaration/Declaration
Request for Priority
Priority Documents (2)

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event that any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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Responsive to the notification dated October 30, 2001, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration.

The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.



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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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